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## Montebello Man Found Sane When He Strangled His Wife

A jury today found a 75-year-old Montebello man sane at the time he strangled to death his wife of 44 years, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

The jury deliberated 2 ½ hours before finding Baghdo Hayrapetyan sane when he killed his wife, Anahit Hayrapetyan on March 5, 2012. The same jury on Oct. 30 found the defendant guilty of second-degree murder.

Deputy District Attorney Pak Kouch with the Family Violence Division said the couple argued before he strangled his 63-year-old wife at their senior apartment complex.

Hayrapetyan returns to court on Feb. 10 for sentencing before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Sam Ohta. The defendant is facing 15 years to life in state prison in case No. BA394951.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department investigated the case.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.